Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the Government take steps to see that the people do not go outside to the British territory to drink?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No, we have no power.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Then I think it will be a failure.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Certainly.

Questions not answered in the Legislative Council.

436. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of all allowed questions that have not been answered from the beginning of the Third Cochin Legislative Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The time and labour involved in collecting the information are, in the opinion of the Government, incommensurate with the benefit to be derived from it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, for placing a mere copy of the questions, where is the trouble of so much labour and time?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—All the Proceedings of the last 3 years have to be looked into to see which are the questions admitted and which are answered. That involves time and labour.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have not the Government appreciated the constitutional importance of the question? In view of the fact that this Council is considered to be a mere ornamental farce, have they realised the importance of the constitutional aspect of the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer does not deny it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether registers are kept regarding the questions admitted?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No register is kept. We keep the originals and the admitted questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not possible for the Government to keep a register of questions received, admitted and answered?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is not considered necessary. All the originals will be kept here and also the admitted questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it so very difficult to find out these figures for the last three years? We have not gone more than three years.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The question was received very late and the time at our disposal was very short.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that the major portion of the questions received has been answered in the Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will there be 25 per cent that have not been answered?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Formation of capitalistic individual farms.

437. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they do not recognise the progressive formation of large-scale capitalistic individual farms and plantations (especially those in the ownership of non-farmers) in the State as an evil and what they intend to do to check the same?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government do not hold any opinion in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether the Government is an opinionless body?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what is inside them?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Coercive steps to realise Government dues.

438. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state a detailed account of all the coercive steps taken for realising the various dues to the Government from the public for the last one year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—9,671 coercive processes were issued in all in 1107 in respect of moveables and immoveables together, of which 9,427 related to Land Revenue, 9 to Public Works Revenue, 68 to Excise Revenue, 4 to Stamp Revenue, 128 to Co-operative dues and 35 to Agricultural loans. But sale of the properties had to be effected only in 160 cases.

439. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 152 dated 1st Dhanu 1107, will the Government be pleased to supply the information they promised to try to get in their supplementary answer regarding section (a) to the question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government propose to conduct an economic survey soon. If possible, the information will be collected then.

440. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 68 of 15th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to state what they have done in the matter subsequently?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The question has not yet come up for the consideration of the Government.

Investing Panchayats with Civil Powers.

441. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 25 dated 19th of Karkadagam 1106, will the Government be

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